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Promotion of Animal Husbandry
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(a) whether the Government proposes to give more importance to animal Husbandry, Dairy and Fishery sectors and if so, the details thereof;
(b) whether it has become necessary to pay more attention towards milch cattle due to irregular rain and shortage of water in various parts of the country; and
(c) if so, the steps proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
(SHRI SUDARSHAN BHAGAT)

a) to (c): Yes, Madam. Realizing great scope for development of fisheries, the Prime Minister has called for "a revolution" in the fisheries sector and has named it as "Blue Revolution". Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying & Fisheries (DADF) in the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare restructured the Fisheries scheme as Blue Revolution: Integrated Development and Management of Fisheries, 2016 which encompasses following components:

i) National Fisheries Development Board (NFDB);
ii) Development of Inland Fisheries and Aquaculture;
iii) Development of Marine Fisheries, Infrastructure and Post-Harvest Operations;
iv) National Scheme of Welfare of Fishermen
v) Strengthening of Database & Geographical Information System of the Fisheries Sector; and
vi) Issuance of Biometric Identity Cards to Coastal Fishermen.

The Administrative approval of the restructured scheme was issued on 22.12.2015 with revised funding norms. The guidelines of the scheme has been revamped and issued on 30.06.2016 with revised cost norms for the entire gamut of activities in the fisheries sector. The Blue Revolution, with its multi-dimensional activities, focuses mainly on increasing production from aquaculture and fisheries resources, both inland and marine. Blue Revolution visualizes "Creating an enabling environment for an integrated and holistic development and management of fisheries keeping in view the sustainability, bio-security and environmental concerns".

The main objectives of the scheme are:-
(i) To increase the overall fish production in a responsible and sustainable manner for economic prosperity;
(ii) To modernize fisheries with special focus on new technologies;
(iii) To ensure food and nutritional security;
(iv) To generate employment and export earnings;
(v) To ensure inclusive development and empower fishers and aquaculture farmers.